Modernisation of Airports in Kerala

4169. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise Cochin and Trivandrum airports in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The International Airports Authority of India have allocated a sum of Rs. 11.36 crores for improvement and modernisation of Trivandrum airport by way of strengthening of runway, taxi–track, apron, construction/modification of terminal and other buildings, provision of airfield lighting and navigational aids. In the case of Cochin Airport, the National Airports Authority has been asked to examine the feasibility of expansion.

Flight from Calicut to Gulf Countries

4170. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce flights from Calicut to Gulf countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Indian Airlines has already introduced trice weekly service on the Calicut–Sharjah–Calicut route with effect from 15.2.1992.

Diesel Power Stations in Kerala

4171. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government for approval and financial assistance for the Branapuram, Calicut and Kasargod Diesel power stations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Government of Kerala have submitted proposal for Diesel based power stations at Brahmapuram, Kasargod and Vadakara/Kozhikode and have sought external bilateral assistance for their projects. Kerala Government have been advised to tie up various inputs particularly fuel oil linkage before the schemes are processed for approval and financial assistance.

[*Translation*]

Doordarshan Kendra at Khajuraho

4172. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently received any proposal to set up a Doordarshan Kendra at Khajuraho, Madhya Predesh; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up?